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RE: Testimony IN OPPOSITION to S.B. No. 184

Dear Sir/Madame,

I am writing in opposition to S.B. No. 184

I recall watching a video of people in the Middle East showing up at the polls to cast their votes for candidates who they believed would represent their interests best. These people did so under threatening circumstances. They did so because of what physically casting that vote meant.

We've seen just how an expansion of absentee and mail-in voting laws can lead to problems and undermine the faith of the voters in their electoral process.

As we return to more "normal" times, I believe it is incumbent upon ourselves to try and strengthen our elections and improve our faith in their fairness. To that end I believe we should revert back to pre-COVID language which provided a limited scope for absentee voting.

I would add that I believe firmly that each person should have their identity verified, whether absent or in-person. In my town, I provide my license and am proud to have my name marked as having shown up. I do not believe there is a rational argument to counter this simple measure.

Respectfully,

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